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For (Title): DIGITAL CAMERA SYSTEM
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- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-22; 18 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
- This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION & NIKON TECHNOLOGIES INC.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-109882 filed April 15, 2003 in JAPAN, No. 2003-109883 filed April 15, 2003 in JAPAN, No. 2003-109884 filed April 15, 2003 in JAPAN, No. 2003-109885 filed April 15, 2003 in JAPAN, and No. 2003-109886 filed April 15, 2003 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.
- This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
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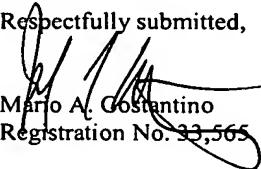
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